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A DECLARATION OF THE Lords and Commons Assembled in PARLIAMENT:

CONCERNING The Abuses lately done by severall persons in the County OF ESSEX.

Die Veneris 2° Septem. 1642.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That this Declaration shall be forthwith printed, and afterwards published in all Market-Towns, Parish-Churches, and Chappels, within the Kingdom of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, and especially in the County of *Essex*.

H. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

London, Printed by LUKE NORTON and JOHN FIELD, for *E. Husband* and *J. Franck*, and are to be sold at their shops in the Middle-Temple, and next door to the Kings-head in Fleetstreet. *September 6.* 1642.

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A DECLARATION Of the Lords and Commons assembled IN PARLIAMENT.

Die Veneris 20. *Septemb.* 1642.

THe Lords and Commons having lately sent Sir *Thomas Barrington* and Master *Grimston* into the County of *Essex*, for the appeasing and quieting of divers Assemblies of people gathered together in great bodies, who had much damnified the Houses, and taken the goods of divers persons, without Law, or other Authority: And having received a Report from Sir *Thomas Barrington*, being returned, That the people up-

on the first knowledge given them, that the PARLIAMENT required they should forbear the searching of any houses for Arms or Ammunition, or the taking goods out of any house, otherwise then is or shall be directed by the Parliament, or without the assistance of some of those Persons, who are by both Houses of Parliament declared, that they ought to be present. The people did hereupon speedily yield obedience, and with-drew themselves in a peaceable manner, and as they were required did make restitution of Plate, Money, and many other goods, by them taken from such as were pretended to be Popish Recusants, and other Malignant persons, and that they had expressed great Zeal and forwardnesse to comply with the directions of the Parliament for the future.

The Lords and Commons do therefore Declare, that they resent the aforesaid expressions of the People, and their ready obedience as a testimonie of that dutifull affection which they beare to the Parliament, and to the present service of the Kingdom; And do hereby Order and Declare, That all persons whosoever, that have taken either Money, Plate, or any other goods, out of the house, or houses, or from the persons of any whosoever, without the speciall Command or Order of both, or either House of Parliament, Shall forthwith restore the same to the parties from whom they were taken, or otherwise

wiſe be procceded againſt as the Lords and Commons ſhall further direct, upon complaint made; and as both Houſes of Parliament have bin, & will be very carefull to preſerve the peace of the Kingdom, by diſarming of all Recuſants, and ſuch others as ſhall be known, or juſtly ſuſpected to be Enemies thereunto, and to the pious and good indeavours of this Parliament; and to that purpoſe have by a Declaration paſſed by aſſent of both Houſes upon the 23. of Auguſt laſt expreſſed, what perſons ſhall be intruſted for the managing of that ſervice.

They do hereby further Order and Command, That no perſon whatſoever do preſume, either alone or accompanied with others, to break, or violently enter the houſe of any, whoſoever under colour or pretence of diſarming Recuſants, or other perſons pretended to be Enemies to the Peace of the Kingdom, without the particular Command of ſuch as are intruſted, or deputed by the Parliament.

And it is further declared, That ſpeciall and ſpeedy care be taken herein for the ſecurity of the Kingdom, and particularly for the County of *Eſſex*, from whom they have received ſo many expreſſions of their duty to the ſervice of the publike; though the Parliament cannot but let them know that ſeverall violent Actions by ſome of them unwarrantably committed, are extremely diſallowed: But, as the Lords and Commons

declare,

declare, That they ſhall be ever ready to give aſſiſtance and protection to all ſuch as ſhall obey the Commands of both or either Houſes of PARLIAMENT, ſo they do reſolve, that they will inflict exemplary puniſhment on all ſuch according to their ſeverall demerits, as ſhall be refractory and diſobedient to theſe their Commands made known to them, and by all good wayes and means will further endeavour to bring them to a legall tryall for ſuch their offences; But for the encouragement of thoſe who have been forward and active in the ſervice of the Common-wealth, It is thought fit to give them notice, that thoſe eight horſes taken from Sir *John Lucas* and brought up to the Parliament by Sir *Thomas Barrington*, and intended by Sir *John Lucas* for the ſtrengthning of a Malignant party, are delivered by Command to the Lord Generall, to be by him imployed for the preſervation of the Kingdom, and the Parliament hath cauſed the ſaid Sir *John Lucas* and Maſter *Newcomin* to be committed to ſeverall Priſons; And it is Reſolved that they ſhall be brought to their ſeverall trialls, and receive ſuch puniſhment as ſhall appear to be juſt according to their demerits, and like proceedings ſhall be had againſt all ſuch as ſhall be found diſturbers of the peace of that County.

FINIS.

Veneris 2° Septem. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

H: Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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